

The M.Ps from Bihar have made a fervent demand that a separate State demarcated by the hills in the North and rivers in the South East be carved out there. The Prime Minister is requested to announce creation of a separate Vananchal State for the social economic and political development of 2.5 crore people of that area. It is the demand of the justice and would be a fitting culmination of the agitation continuing since 1938 ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Verma ji, your time is over.

*(Interruptions)*

*[English]*

MR. SPEAKER : Now please sit down. Please listen.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Aggarwal, I am not allowing you. You cannot take the House to ransom.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Aggarwal, sit down please. No, you shall not behave like that. This is Parliament. Can you not obey the Chair?

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : If you do not respect the Chair, how can you call yourself an hon. Member? What is this?

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Yesterday, an hon. lady Member brought to the notice of the House a matter regarding the alleged misbehaviour of a DIG and the House demanded that the Home Minister should make a statement. I request the Home Minister to make a statement.

*[Translation]*

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Sushmaji had said in this House that law and order was in very bad shape. I fully agree with her that law and order is in very bad shape in Delhi...*(Interruptions)* Don't hand over the administration of the police to them...*(Interruptions)*

12.16 hrs.

## STATEMENT BY MINISTER

**Alleged Misbehaviour With Shrimati Subhawati Devi, MP by the DIGP, Gorakhpur (UP) And Alleged Threat to her life**

*[English]*

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am making this statement on the alleged misbehaviour with Shrimati Subhawati Devi, hon. MP by the DIGP, Gorakhpur, West

Uttar Pradesh and the alleged threat to her life. Shrimati Subhawati Devi, the hon. Member of Parliament had requested the hon. Speaker for providing adequate security to her. The hon. Member had also stated that the DIGP, Gorakhpur had misbehaved with her on the 2nd July, 1996.

In this regard, a report was called for from the Government of UP. The facts as reported by the hon. MP and the response of the Government of UP to the same are as follows.

In the complaint, it has been mentioned by the hon. MP that she went to the office of the DIGP, Gorakhpur Range on the 2nd July, 1996 at about 7 p.m. The purpose of her visit was to apprise the DIGP about the problems of the area. Here, it has been alleged that when the hon. MP drew the attention of the DIGP Shri Rizwan Ahmed towards the on-going incidents of theft, dacoity, etc., in the area, Shri Rizwan Ahmed abruptly intervened to mention that the hon. MP's late husband was also a dacoit and a murderer and that was the reason why he had met the fate that he deserved. It has been further stated that the DIGP Shri Rizwan Ahmed also alleged that the hon. MP was moving with a group of thieves and dacoits and asked whether the Samajwadi Party was a party of thieves and dacoits.

The hon. MP has further alleged that from the language used by Shri Rizwan Ahmed it appeared that he had extended his full cooperation in the conspiracy of the murder of the hon. MP's husband. It was also mentioned by the hon. MP that the murderers of her husband and their associates were repeatedly sending threatening calls to her over the telephone.

As per the report of the UP Government, the following details have been revealed. Based upon the clarification furnished by the DIGP, Gorakhpur Range and the factual report of the IGP, Gorakhpur Zone, the Government of UP has further furnished the following report :

- (i) It is correct that on the 2nd July, 1996 at about 7 p.m., the hon. MP Shrimati Subhawati Devi along with some of her supporters had gone to the office of the DIGP, Gorakhpur Range. As per the version of Shri Rizwan Ahmed, the DIGP, Gorakhpur Range, the hon. MP Shrimati Subhawati Devi initially started the discussion on issues like personal security for her, security for the family, returning of fire arms, etc., belonging to her family members and complaint against the Station House Officer of Gulriha, namely, Shri Phadindra Yadav.

During the discussion, Shri Rizwan Ahmed, established telephonic contact with the Station House Officer of Gulriha when Shri Rizwan Ahmed was told that Shrimati Subhawati Devi was annoyed because the police was trying to arrest a person named

Ramvriksh Yadav on the basis of a non-bailable warrant issued from the Court. It has further been mentioned that Ramvriksh Yadav is a person against whom a number of serious criminal cases like murder etc., are pending. It has also been intimated by the UP Government that Shrimati Subhawati Devi felt offended/annoyed when DIGP Shri Rizwan Ahmed, on hearing the facts, asked the Station House Officer, Gulriha to go ahead with the arrest of Ramvriksh Yadav.

- (ii) The report of the UP Government further states that after having his talk with Station House Officer, Gulriha, the DIGP, Shri Rizwan Ahmed requested the hon. MP, Shrimati Subhawati Devi to keep good company to avoid any adverse reflection on her image. Realising the attitude of the DIGP, Rizwan Ahmed towards Ramvriksh Yadav, Shrimati Subhawati Devi, the hon. MP mentioned to DIGP that he also perhaps considered her husband to be a murderer. To this Shri Rizwan Ahmed politely mentioned that as her husband was no longer in this world it would not be proper to make any comment regarding him.
- (iii) According to the State Government's report, Shri Rizwan Ahmed has not used the language said to have been used by the hon. MP in her letter. The State Government has further mentioned that from the details of the version of Shri Rizwan Ahmed, it cannot be said that the hon. MP was insulted in any manner or that Shri Rizwan Ahmed misbehaved with her.
- (iv) From the report of the Government of UP, it is revealed that the allegations levelled by Shrimati Subhawati Devi have been enquired into by IGP of Gorakhpur range and he has come to the conclusion that there was no hand of Shri Rizwan Ahmed in the murder of hon. MP's husband.
- (v) On the issue of threats etc., to the hon. MP by her husband's alleged killers and their associates, the UP Government has intimated that Senior Superintendent of Police, and DIGP, Gorakhpur range have been given strict instructions to keep close contact with Shrimati Subhawati Devi, hon. MP and her family members, locate the culprits and take stringent action in the matter in order to prevent any harm coming to Shrimati Subhawati Devi, hon. MP or members of her family.

Sir, we will take all necessary steps to see that adequate security is provided to her...*(Interruptions)*

*[English]*

MR. SPEAKER : We will take up Matters under Rule 377. Shri Pandurang Fundkar.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : We have a lot of business to transact.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Zero hour is over.

*[Translation]*

SHRI ILYAS AZMI (Shahbad) : Mr. Speaker, in my constituency. Hardoi, there is a sugar mill which has been started from this very year...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : No, no. Zero Hour is over. You please sit down.

*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Sir, I have given notice...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Everybody has given notice.

*(Interruptions)*

*[English]*

MR. SPEAKER : Zero hour is over.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : We have many items of business to transact. Otherwise, the House has to sit on Saturday. If we are not able to complete the business, we have to sit on Saturday. I do not want the MPs to stay here on Saturday.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : No more.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Please read out, Mr. Pandurang Fundkar.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Zero Hour is over.

*(Interruptions)*

12.27 hrs.

*(Shri P.M. Sayeed in the Chair)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, we have already started Matters under Rule 377. Shri Pandurang may read out.

*(Interruptions)*

*[Translation]*

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Mr. Chairman, I have given a notice of privilege about which I have not been informed...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Privilege matter may come later.  
(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : I am on my legs. Please sit down.  
(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : There was Zero Hour for half-an-hour and that is over. Now, the Speaker has already started Matters under Rule 377 and I am not going back from there. So, we will take up Matters under Rule 377 now. Speaker has called Mr. Pandurang to read out.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : No.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : This is not Zero Hour. Speaker has taken up Matters under Rule 377 and he has called his name. How can I ask him to sit down? Let Matters under Rule 377 be over.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Mr. Chairman, I gave notice of privilege four days ago...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : It is all right that you have given notice of privilege but, you are a very senior member. You please sit down.

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Purohitji, please be seated. Let me answer.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Purohit, you are a senior Member of this House and this is not fair on your part. You please sit down.

[Translation]

you sit down...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : What are you rights?

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : I am standing here.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : You have given privilege notice

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : The matter is under consideration of the hon. Speaker. After his consideration only you would get the chance.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Four days have elapsed but the reply is still awaited...(Interruptions) Tomorrow is the last day. Where should we go...(Interruptions) I will finish in 1 minute...(Interruptions) There is corruption of crores of rupees. The hon. Minister has given a wrong reply...(Interruptions) The hon. Minister has replied that the linkage is not done directly. The linkage takes place due to recommendation of the State, while I gave the letter of the Joint Director. He has said that they do not recommend...(Interruptions) It is all a matter of privilege...(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA (Kottayam) : Sir, You please allow us...(Interruptions) There is a very important issue...(Interruptions) That is what I want to raise...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Purohit, I would let you know on your privilege Motion. You please be seated now.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN : You please take your seat.

(Interruptions)

12.31 hrs.

*At this stage, Shrimati Subhawati Devi and some other hon'ble Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, Mr. Minister, please ask your Members to go back to their seats. This is not the way of conducting oneself in the House.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Purohit, your matter has been considered and disallowed by the hon. Speaker.

(Interruptions)

12.32 hrs.

*At this stage Shrimati Subhawati Devi sat on the floor near the Table.*

[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please go to your seat.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, where is the Chief Whip of her Party?

(Interruptions)

12.33 hrs.

*At this stage Shrimati Subhawati Devi and some other hon'ble Members went back to their seats.*